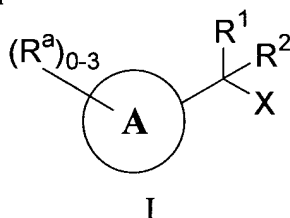


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A compound of Formula I



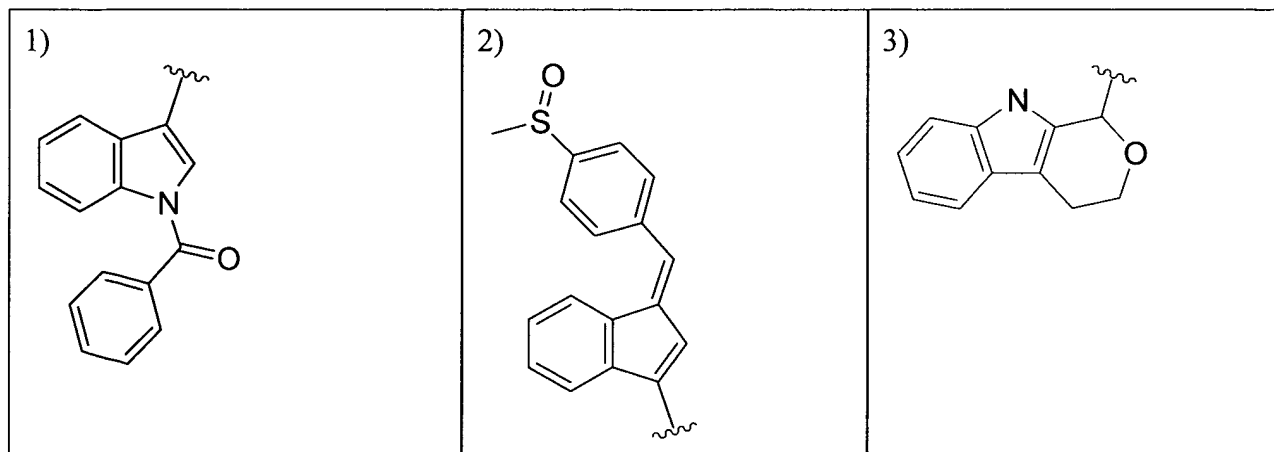
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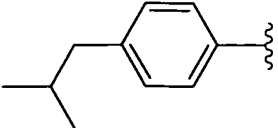
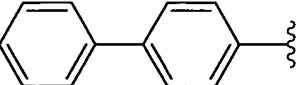
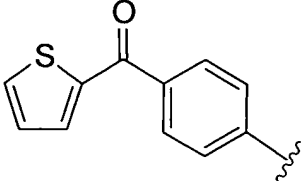
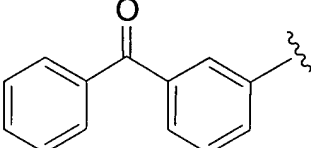
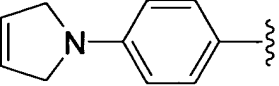
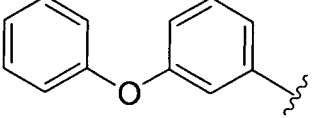
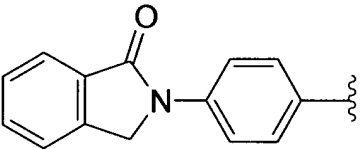
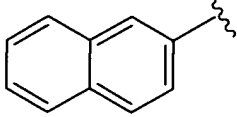
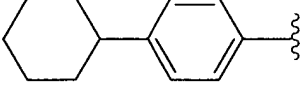
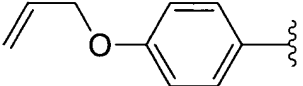
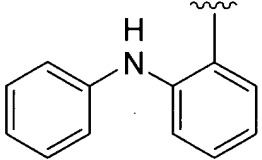
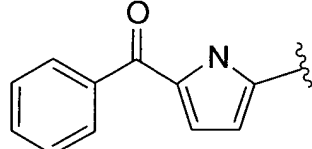
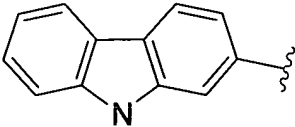
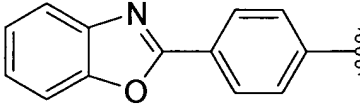
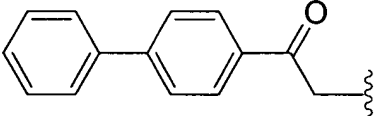
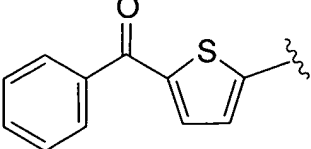
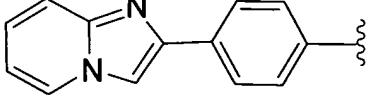
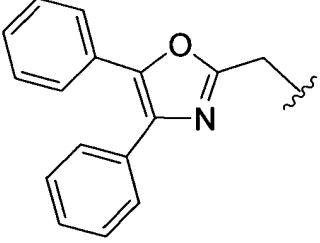
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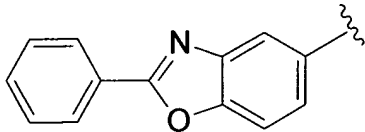
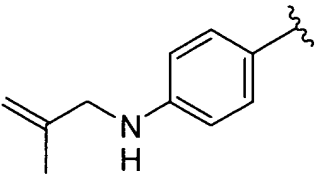
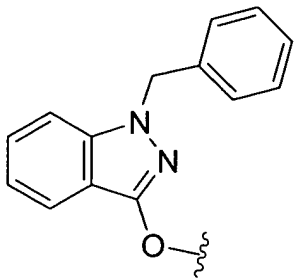
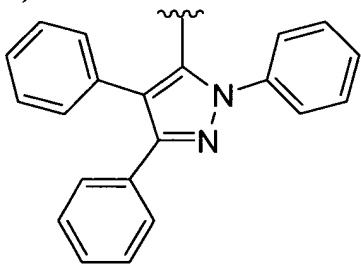
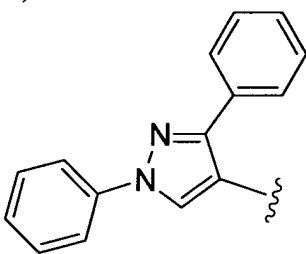
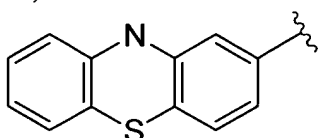
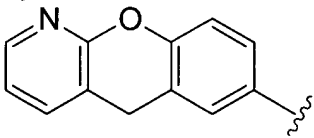
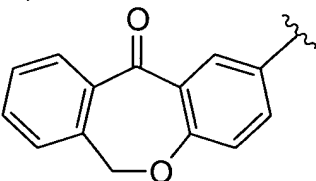
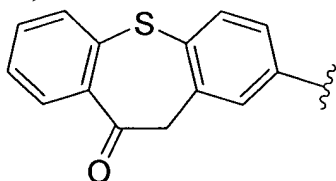
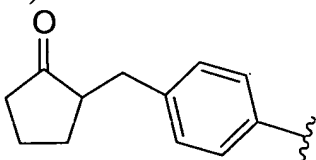
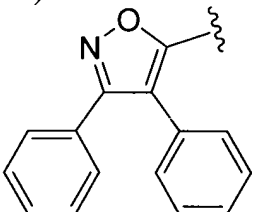
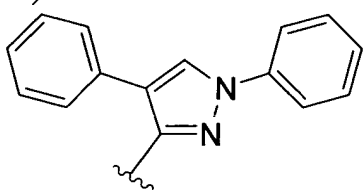
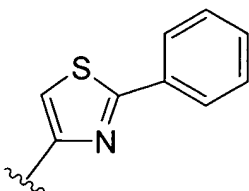
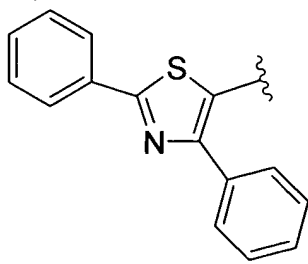
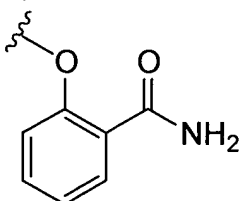
each R^a may be substituted at any substitutable position on A and each R^a is independently selected from the group consisting of: fluoro, chloro, bromo, NH_2 , methyl, ethyl, methoxy and CF_3 ;

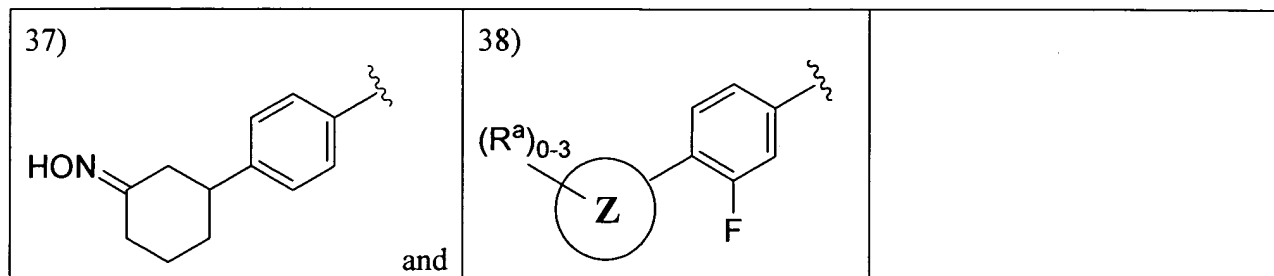
R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of: C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; and

A is selected from the group consisting of:



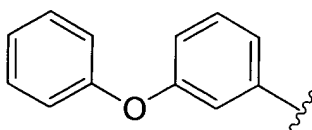
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19) 	20) 	21) 

22) 	23) 	24) 
25) 	26) 	27) 
28) 	29) 	30) 
31) 	32) 	33) 
34) 	35) 	36) 



wherein for 38) above R^a is substituted on **A** as shown and **Z** is selected from the group consisting of: phenyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, indolaziny, indazolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, quinazoliny, quinolyl, quinoxaliny, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, triazolyl, azetidiny, 1,4-dioxany, hexahydroazepiny, piperaziny, piperidiny, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dihydrobenzimidazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothiophenyl, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydroimidazolyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroisooxazolyl, dihydroisothiazolyl, dihydrooxadiazolyl, dihydrooxazolyl, dihydropyrazinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, dihydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, dihydroquinoliny, dihydrotetrazolyl, dihydrothiadiazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothienyl, dihydrotriazolyl, dihydroazetidiny, methylenedioxybenzoyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, and tetrahydrothienyl.

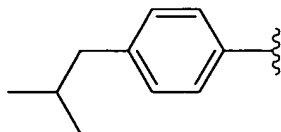
2. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^2 are each C_{1-4} alkyl.
3. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein X is $-CO_2H$.
4. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein X is 1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl or 2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl.
5. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein **A** is



6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

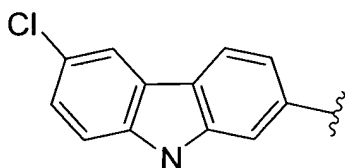
8. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein **A** is



9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein **A** is

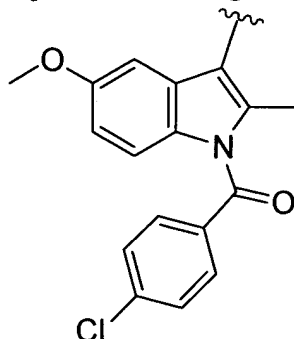


and wherein the two additional R^a groups may be substituted at any substitutable position on **A** above.

12. (canceled)

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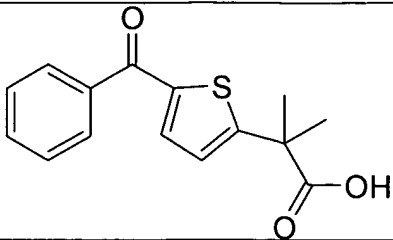
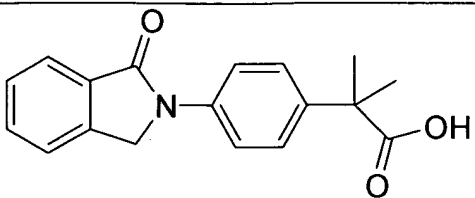
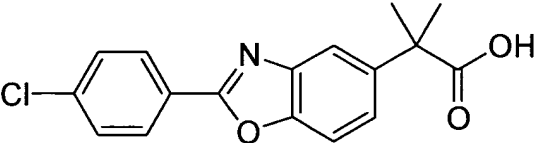
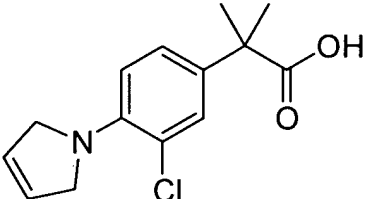
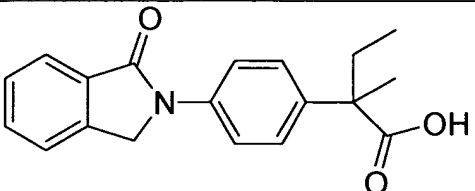
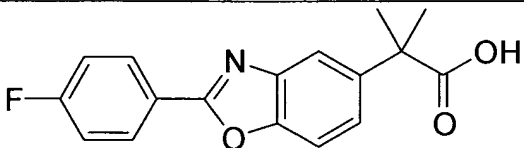
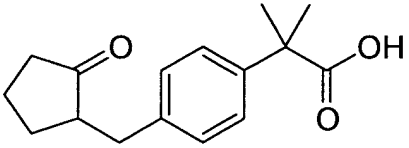
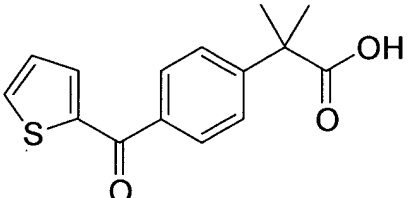
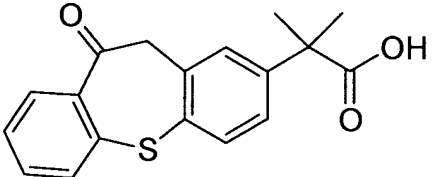
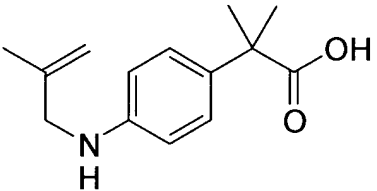
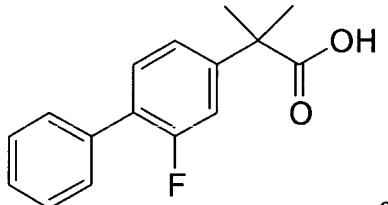
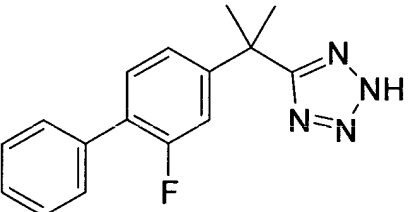
14. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein A is



15. (canceled)

16. (original) A compound selected from the following group:

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<chem>CC(C)(C)C(=O)Oc1ccc2c(c1)c3cc(Cl)ccc3[nH]2</chem>	<chem>CC(C)(C)C(=O)Oc1c2c(c3cc(Cl)ccc3n2C(=O)Nc4ccc(Cl)cc4)cc(OC)cc1</chem>
<chem>CC(C)(C)C(=O)Oc1c2c(c3cc(F)ccc3n2C(=O)Nc4ccc(S(=O)(=O)C)cc4)cc(OC)cc1</chem>	<chem>CC(C)(C)C(=O)Oc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)c2ccccc2</chem>

	
	
	
	
	
 and	

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the above.

17. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² are each methyl.

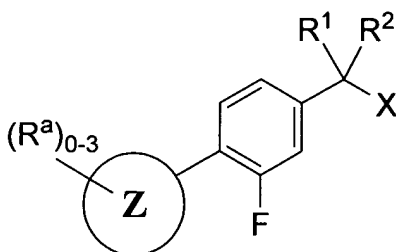
18. (original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ is methyl and R² is ethyl.

19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20. (original) A method for preventing, delaying or reversing the progression of Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a compound according to Claim 1 in amount that is effective for preventing, delaying or reversing the progression of Alzheimer's Disease.

21. (original) A method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a compound according to Claim 1 in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.

22. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 of Formula I'



I'

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

Z is selected from the group consisting of: phenyl, benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, indolaziny, indazolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolyl, quinoxalinyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, triazolyl, azetidiny, 1,4-dioxanyl, hexahydroazepinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dihydrobenzimidazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothiophenyl, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydroimidazolyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroisooxazolyl, dihydroisothiazolyl, dihydrooxadiazolyl, dihydrooxazolyl, dihydropyrazinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, dihydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, dihydroquinolinyl, dihydrotetrazolyl, dihydrothiadiazolyl,

dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothienyl, dihydrotriazolyl, dihydroazetidiny, methylenedioxybenzoyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, and tetrahydrothienyl,

X is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, 1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl or 2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl,

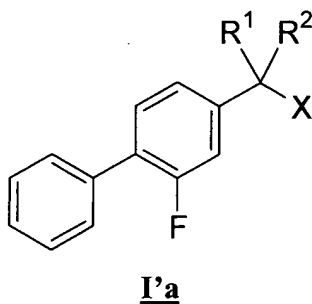
R^1 and R^2 are each independently ethyl or methyl, and

each R^a is independently selected from the group consisting of: fluoro, chloro, bromo, NH_2 , methyl, ethyl, methoxy and CF_3 .

23. (original) The compound according to Claim 22 wherein **Z** is phenyl.

24 to 28. (canceled)

29. (original) The compound according to Claim 22 of Formula **I'a**



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

X is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, 1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl or 2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl and

R^1 and R^2 are each independently ethyl or methyl.

30. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 22 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31. (original) A method for preventing, delaying or reversing the progression of Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient a compound according to Claim 22 in amount that is effective for preventing, delaying or reversing the progression of Alzheimer's Disease.

32. (original) A method for treating Alzheimer's Disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a compound according to Claim 22 in amount that is effective for treating Alzheimer's Disease.